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# NEWSLETTER

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**La Salle University**  
founded by the  
**Brothers of the Christian Schools**  
in 1863

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## *Parents taste campus life during Parents' Weekend*

### **Choir performance & chairpersons' honors highlight the weekend**

La Salle parents hosted the annual Parents' Weekend on Oct 13-15, during which Mr. & Mrs. James Ryan were honored as outgoing Parents' Association Chairpersons. New Chairpersons Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Schaefer conducted Parents' Weekend, continuing the quest toward the \$55 thousand goal for the Parents' Annual Fund.

According to Brother Andrew Bartley, Public Affairs Director and chairman of the weekend's organization, the weekend was an excellent opportunity for parents to acquaint themselves with the University their children attend, and the parent turnout was extremely encouraging, given the 300 families who registered and the estimated one thousand visitors to campus that weekend.

The dedication of the new track began the weekend on Saturday morning and was highlighted later that day with the performances of the Archdiocesan Boys' Choir and one-act plays by La Salle's Theater Group, the Masque.

The parents, comprising a significantly larger turnout than past years, also enjoyed tours of the campus, enlightening addresses by La Salle's Brother President Patrick Ellis and faculty members, and a sports day, including an alumni-baseball team baseball game.

A Campus Fun Run ended the successful weekend on Sunday afternoon, and parents left a bit fatigued from the day of athletic activity, but with an excellent impression of the La Salle campus and definite desire to return to the event next year.



*Courtesy News Bureau*

**1989-90 Parents' Committee: (l. to r., 1st row) Diana Weaverling, Jim Ryan, Barbara Nuzzolo, Mary Ryan, Reggie Pignoli, Celeste Schaefer (Co-Chair), Sheila Bryan, Jane Hinman, Lillian Frisco, Marie McCloskey. (back row) Philip Weaverling, Robert & Barbara Holmes, Jr., Rocco Pignoli, Bob Schaefer (Co-Chair), Allan Hinman, Peter Frisco, Tony McCloskey. Missing: Edward & Pat Finnegan, Edward & Kathy Connor, Mary Beth Kirkner.**

## **Publications 'take notice,' citing La Salle's high quality education**

Several prestigious publications have recently taken notice of La Salle University, testifying to La Salle's reputation for and commitment to excellence.

*The New York Times' Best Buys in College Education* named La Salle among "200 colleges that offer high quality education at a reasonable cost," citing criteria such as placement record and work ethic.

In addition, *Newsday*, a major Long Island newspaper, called La Salle "a university on the rise" in an article entitled "Where the Hot Schools Are."

In *Barron's National Guide to Colleges*, La Salle academic rating was recently upgraded from "competitive" to "very com-

petitive." *U.S. News and World Report* also commended La Salle's "excelling in the humanities."

The University's consistent upgrading comes as no surprise to Director of Admissions Brother Gerald Fitzgerald. He cites La Salle's excellence among liberal arts schools and La Salle's consistent expansion as reasons for this sudden rise in status.

These factors have also led to a continual increase in the number of applications La Salle receives each year, a pool from which La Salle accepts only one in every four. This past year's admission records reflects a 300% increase in the number of students from more distant areas.



# St. Miguel Court townhouses open to resident students

By Jean Michelle Williams  
Collegian News Editor

The St. Miguel Court Townhouses opened their doors to residents in September.

These accommodations afford all the luxuries of living at home right in the midst of campus. Each air-conditioned, three-story unit houses five students and includes four bedrooms, two baths, living and dining areas, and a fully-equipped kitchen.

As one passes through the security gate into the new "neighborhood," the sight of well-manicured lawns dotted by shrubbery creates the illusion of stepping right out of the asphalt jungle and into suburbia.

Students generally expressed satisfaction with their new surroundings, enthusiastically repeating the refrain: "It's much better than the dorms," where space, quiet and privacy are scarce commodities. While the La Salle, Theresa Court and School House Lane apartments also afford these advantages, now students can distance themselves from the cramped residence halls



Courtesy Collegian

The eagerly anticipated townhouses were near completion in April.

while remaining within sprinting distance of their classes.

At St. Miguel, thick walls block out the tones of neighboring stereos, while the hum of central air replaces the traffic noises that accompany typical dormitory ventilation.

Proud townhouse residents also brag about their comfortable, brand-new furnishings. Few have complaints, although the lack of lamps is seen as an inconvenience.

At this time, anyone with school identification can freely enter the complex, but a turnstile system like that currently in use at North Halls is due to be installed soon.

According to Resident Life director Ron Diment, the entrance and adjacent "community center" should be completed sometime in the next few weeks. The center will sport laundry facilities and mailboxes for the entire South Halls complex of Edward, Francis, Miguel and Theresa Court.

"The lounge and vending area will include a kitchenette that will be available for group activities, such as films and meetings," says Diment. Resident Life recently acquired a new staff member, Ann Isely, whose sole function is to help coordinate such activities for the apartment and townhouse residents.

After the many months of planning, Diment finds the positive student feedback extremely gratifying, and speaks enthusiastically about the potential to add more units to St. Miguel in the future.

## Offices relocate to reconstructed Administrative Building

By Duane Swierczynski  
Collegian Asst. News Editor

Many of the offices previously in College Hall and other areas have relocated to the new Administrative Center, formerly the David Leo Lawrence Memorial Library.

The Administrative Center now houses all of the administrative offices from College Hall, including the Registrar, Bursar, Business Offices, and Evening Division.

Other offices that have moved include Development (from Benilde Hall), Personnel (from the trailers on Good Shepherd), Career Planning and Placement (from 1923 W. Olney), and Student Affairs (previously in both College Hall and the Union Building).

The Vitetta Corporation, an architectural firm hired by the relocation committee, completely restructured the interior of the building, which had been unsuited to the

design of office space. Hammering out compromises on the allotment of space proved to be one of the most challenging aspects of the project.

The grouping of offices in the new center was designed to more efficiently channel the flow of students through the steps of the registration process. For example, the Student Loan office resides closer to the Bursar.

Kenneth Smith, Director of Purchasing, headed the massive effort to inventory furniture from all over the campus, in order to cut down on the cost of new furnishings, and acted as a campus liaison, facilitating communications between La Salle and the various vendors involved in the move.

The space vacated by the administrative offices enables the Business department to claim the building as its own, bringing the faculty together for the first time.

## Renovation begins on St. Basil's property

With renovation of the recently acquired St. Basil's property under way, Bro. Patrick Ellis expects a new parking lot for faculty and students to be completed by the first snowfall this winter. The lot will have a capacity of about 375 cars, and a new pathway will provide students easy access to the main campus.

Resident student will also benefit from the acquisition with the renovation of the St. Basil's Orphanage in residences able to accommodate 250 students in double rooms. The new dorm will also contain a vending area in which students may prepare hot meals in a community microwave.



# ADP recognized in public television documentary

By Mike Tanier

Collegian News Staff

La Salle's Academic Discovery Program, a project which provides incoming freshmen with assistance in developing college level skills in writing and logic, was recognized in a PBS documentary that aired earlier this fall.

The documentary, entitled, "Going Places: Your Video Guide to College," is produced by WQED in Pittsburgh, and aired on Nov. 1. The show focuses on the difficulty students have with entering college and on the programs colleges have instituted to increase their accessibility. One such program, known as ACT-101, has been put into effect at various schools throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

"There are seventy-or-so schools in the commonwealth that have ACT-101, but the ADP here is unique," explained Robert Miedel, who is both Program Coordinator for the ADP here at La Salle and Chairman of the Eastern Pennsylvania ACT-101 Program. "We go beyond the basic skills; we also stress the study skills and the critical thinking components." The ADP also goes beyond the summer program. When the students begin a regular course schedule in the fall, the tutoring and coun-

seling programs from the summer are still employed.

In any case, the producers were filming on campus on Sep. 18. They filmed tutoring sessions in progress, group discussions on the summer program, and interviews with

graduates who entered La Salle as ADP students.

The producers also visited Temple and Penn, but Miedel believes they were only going to speak to administrators at those universities.

A pencil notation on the reverse side of the photo reads "Foreground: City Hall under construction, Background: Masonic Temple and La Salle College." La Salle did occupy the site at Filbert and Juniper Streets from 1867 to 1886. If the photo falls within that time range, we have here a very early view of La Salle at its then Center City location.

The year was very likely 1873. At the end of that year, construction on the Masonic Temple was completed. In the photo, the work seems to be just about finished. Most of the scaffolding has been removed except for work platforms at the lower level windows. The final stained glass windows are being installed.

And the month? Very likely it was June. Examination of the shadow patterns with a mag-

## PAGES FROM THE PAST



nifier indicates that the sun is almost directly overhead. This indicates a day very close to the summer solstice or June 21. The day? Very likely a Sunday. There are no workmen on the City Hall construction site, nor is there any sign of accouterments of work in progress. There are no shovels, mortar beds, trowels, hods, or lunch pails.

In 1873, the summer solstice was on Saturday, June 21. It is the Archivist's guess that the picture was taken shortly after noon on Sunday, June 22, 1873. It is his conjecture that the photo is a construction progress picture taken about two years after the work on the construction of City Hall had begun. And, yes, the building in the right background was at that time La Salle College.

-Brother Thomas Warner, F.S.C.

## Grants bestowed for humanities and graduate nursing

The Pew Charitable Trusts recently awarded a three-year grant of \$600,000 to La Salle's School of Arts and Sciences to be used by an "institute for the enrichment of liberal arts teaching."

The grant is given to examine the place of teaching values in the humanities. The grant is intended to cover the salaries of faculty members as they forego their teaching responsibilities to study the efficacy of teaching values in the humanities.

15 faculty members will participate in a series of three seminars each spring semester starting January 1990.

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services also bestowed the Department of Nursing with two grants, the first of which is a MSN Expansion Grant in the estimated amount of \$342 thousand. The grant will be used to expand La Salle University's graduate nursing program, though few definite plans have been made.

The second is a Professional Nurse Trainee Grant in the amount of \$24 thousand, offering nine graduate nursing students free tuition and fees for the 1989-90 academic year.

To be eligible for the grant, a student must meet La Salle admission requirements for graduate study, be enrolled in a full-time program, be a state-certified nurse, and be a United States citizen or a non-citizen with a visa for permanent residence in the U.S.



## *La Salle's first Writer-in-Residence Holladay eager to help aspiring young authors fulfill their potential*

One new addition to campus this academic year may someday be lauded as the inspiration for tomorrow's Faulkners, Weltys or Shakespeares. The English Department has added to its ranks author Cary Holladay, who takes on the new position of La Salle's "Writer-in-Residence."

"It's a dream come true for me, to devote so much time to writing and the teaching of it," Holladay said. "Right now, I'm in a wonderful state of suspense. I'm trying to recreate the best things my teachers all did."

Holladay's accomplishments in the past year are already a source of vicarious pride for many of La Salle's aspiring writers. Holladay's book of short stories, *The People Down South*, is out in print, and the persistence that brought her the post of writer/professor at La Salle University is

now being put into inspiring the published writers of the future.

Holladay knows it can be done. First published in a national magazine, *The Missouri Review*, at the age of 21, Holladay presents a writer's picture of success — and

success on the way. Holladay says, though, that she does not base success on "how many stories get published". To her, the book is merely "a foot in the door." Success, she says, is evidenced by improvement over past works, development, personal growth, and also by her ap-

pearance at La Salle.

"It's a dream come true for me, to devote so much time to writing and the teaching of it," says Holladay, La Salle's first Writer-in-Residence. She wears the title with pride -- and delight.

*It's a dream come true for me, to devote so much time to writing and the teaching of it.*



*Special to Parents' Newsletter*

**Cary Holladay**

**La Salle's new Writer-in-Residence is happy to be here and willing to do all she can to contribute to the community.**

## **Brogan appointed Arts & Sciences Pre-Law advisor**

*By Robert Lawrence  
Collegian NewsStaff*

In order to provide better counseling for students considering law school, the St. Thomas More Pre-Law Society has divided advisory duties between the School of Business and the School of Arts and Sciences.

The sole advisor in previous years had been Mr. Art Schuman, who is a member of the business department. This year, Dr. Joseph Brogan was brought in to share counseling duties with Schuman. Brogan says the reason for this was twofold. First, the volume of students considering law school now exceeds the capacity of one advisor. Also, liberal arts students created the impression that they were unwilling to consult a "business" advisor with whom they were unfamiliar.

It is hoped that the expanded counseling will help the advisors reach potential law students in their freshman and sophomore years. During these years, says Brogan, "Freshmen and sophomores should be familiarizing themselves with law schools

and the law profession itself. They should be aware both of what it takes to get into school and of their options when they get out."

Dr. Brogan also offers some information on what law schools are looking for in



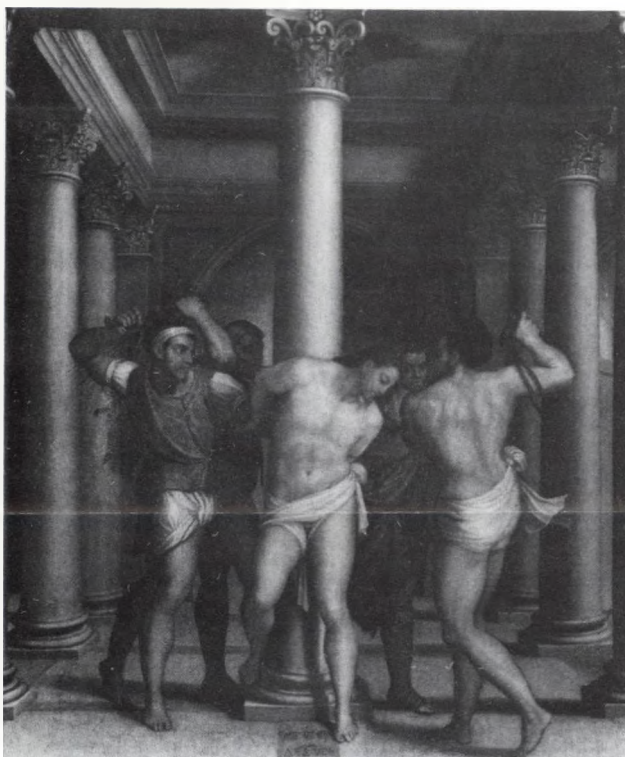
*Courtesy News Bureau*

**Dr. Joseph Brogan**

general. "The competition to get in is intense, as is the competition once you're in," he admits. He recommends that students receive a broad-based, liberal education that develops their analytic and communicational skills. He says they should not over-concentrate on relating their majors to a potential career, regardless of any pressure exerted on them to do so.

A strong GPA is essential for law school candidates, as are good LSAT (Law School Admissions Test) scores and letters of recommendation. There are also what Brogan terms "intangibles." Trends in selection, such as geography, can vary every year, causing an applicant to make an impression on a particular school. Therefore, standard procedure requires a student to send two or three applications to schools that seem "beyond reach," two to schools where the applicant is fairly confident of acceptance, and two to "back-up" schools where the applicant will definitely be accepted.

## Art Acquisition



*Courtesy Art Gallery*

*The La Salle Art Gallery's most recent acquisition, Marcello Venusti's (1512-1579) Christ at the Column (1550) demonstrates many attributes associated with the Italian Renaissance.*

## Achievement recognized at Convocation

556 Dean's List students, representing 14% of eligible enrollment, were honored at La Salle's annual Honors Convocation. Just over half of the honored day and evening division students attended, accompanied by their families. Dean's List status is awarded to students carrying a 3.4 GPA.

Honorary degrees were also bestowed upon three individuals who have been deeply involved in the La Salle community. Dr. John Lukacs, a native of Hungary, has served as a visiting professor of history at La Salle since 1947. Having authored fourteen books and literally hundreds of articles, Lukacs has also served on the faculties of Princeton, Columbia, and Johns Hopkins.

A 1939 La Salle alumnus, Dr. G. Harold Metz has proven himself as both a scholar and an administrator. He is a Senior Vice President of AMBAC, and the editor of several Shakespeare bibliographies.

A pioneer in the field of bilingual education, Dr. Eleanor Sandstrom has been employed by many local universities as a curricular consultant for bilingual programs. She currently works as a consultant for the school district of Philadelphia, and the roots of many techniques used by language teachers at La Salle can be traced back directly to her classrooms.

## La Salle to implement network

By Duane Swierczynski  
Asst. Collegian News Editor

In the near future, La Salle is expected to implement a brand new video and data network system, as part of a grand vision conceived by Dr. Stephen Longo, Director of Academic Computing. "We're trying to use technology to get a hold of the information explosion," says Longo.

The network focuses on two aspects: video transmission to all parts of the campus, and a computer-based data network in the dorms and classrooms. Dr. Longo is, as he says, "hung up on video."

He adds, as explanation, "It's a fact that [today's] generation is TV oriented; [people] have to be sold. Things are moving rapidly." Currently, all of the townhouses are cable ready and connected to the "head end," Wister Hall, as well as the gymnasium. "We are going to have the ability

to pump a video image to anywhere on campus," says Longo.

This new video network will offer a myriad of possibilities; for example, home classes could become a part of La Salle's future. In the case of students stricken with illness, Dr. Longo proposes, "If the teacher doesn't object, we could broadcast your accounting class to your dorm room!"

***"We're trying to use technology to get a hold of the information explosion."***

The video hook-up in the gymnasium also offers those sports teams that are traditionally less popular with spectators a chance for greater exposure.

Another possibility lies in the audio channel, which, accompanying the "soundless" scrolling news, may carry La Salle's own WEXP. "But why stay with radio?" asks Longo. "How about La Salle 5:30 News? Or at 6:00, an interview with security, to keep an update on security events and to dispel rumors?"

**Public Affairs Director  
Brother Andrew Bartley**

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The 1989-90 MAAC Champion Men's Cross Country Team

## Alumni inducted into Hall of Fame

By Duane Swierczynski  
Asst. News Editor

The Alumni Association held its annual dinner to induct members into the Alumni Hall of Athletes on Friday, Oct. 13. This year's new additions were Bernard A Bradley ('35), James Crawford ('73), and Charles Wise, Jr. ('76).

Bernard A. Bradley was the eighth La Salle football player to be inducted into the Hall of Athletes. Bradley was right guard and captain for the school's only undefeated football team (1934). His wife, Marie, accepted the award.

James Crawford was a forward for three years on La Salle's basketball team, serving as captain and MVP as a junior. He also led the team in scoring, with 394 points, and in

rebounding with 273 points. As a senior, Crawford again led the Explorers in both categories (scoring-489, rebounding-732) and was selected for the All Big Five team. Currently, Crawford teaches and coaches basketball at Camden Catholic High School.

Charles Wise, Jr. was starting guard for three years on the basketball team, and led the team in assists, finishing with 407. He scored 1,245 points in his career and contributed 270 rebounds. In addition, Wise was on the 1974-75 team that won the Big Five title, the Dayton International tournament, and the Sugar Bowl. In his senior year, Wise repeated his appearance on the All Big Five team and won the Geasy Award as player of the year.

## La Salle hosts ACUI

250 student leaders and administrators from 37 campuses visited La Salle Oct. 27-29 for a conference of the Association of College Unions International (ACUI).

Many popular college bands performed expos, and students had the opportunity to speak with agents, attend leadership seminars, and discover the intricacies of starting a campus non-alcoholic night club. Having opened in Jan. 1987, La Salle's own BACKSTAGE is the prototype of such clubs.

The conference, themed "A Bright Future...From a Proud Past," was conducted by Assistant Directors of Student Life Karen Shields and Francine Calafati.

### Rest in Peace

Juliette Serpentino  
Helen Crebs  
Clyde H. Thomas, Sr.  
Ann Shields  
Ormond P. Macoretta  
Pavel Rosputko  
John Locatell  
Kathryn Savage  
Eileen O'Donnell ('90)  
Margaret G. Smith  
Pauline Bartolomucci  
Elviro Nigro  
James Shea  
David P. Malone